

Title II Project Application
Medford District Resource Advisory Committee

1. Project Number (Assigned by federal unit): 116-401 **AMOUNT REQUESTED** \$230,890.00

2. Project Name: Johns Peak OHV Management Plan/EIS **3. County:** Jackson

4. Project Sponsor: BLM **5. Date:** 04/02/03

6. Sponsors Phone # : 541.618.2384

7. Sponsor's E-mail: kristi_mastrofini@or.blm.gov

8. Project Location (attach project area map)

a. 4th Field Watershed Name and HUC #(if known): Middle Rogue 17100308

Applegate 17100309

b. 5th Field Watershed Name and HUC #(if known): Rogue River Gold Hill 1710030802
Bear Creek 1710030801
Middle Applegate River 1710030904

c. Legal Location:

Township 37S Range 3W Section(s) 5-11,13,15,17,18,20,23,
25-27,31,33-35

Township 37S Range 4W Section(s) 1,3,9-15,21-23,27,35

Township 38S Range 3W Section(s) 2-11,14-16,21,22,

Township 38S Range 4W Section 1

d. BLM District Medford

e. BLM Resource Area Ashland

h. State / Private / Other lands involved? ☒ Yes ☐ No

9. Statement of Project Goals and Objectives: The 1995 Medford District Resource Management Plan designated the Johns Peak/Timber Mountain area for Off-highway Vehicle (OHV) use. This OHV area receives moderate to heavy use by OHV enthusiasts, and an area specific plan is needed to manage the current and future use to ensure both recreation enjoyment and resource protection.

10. Project Description: (Provide concise description of project and attach map.)

This is a multi-year project designed to develop a management plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the Timber Mountain/Johns Peak OHV Area. Funding for initiating public outreach, biological and administrative surveys, developing and analyzing alternatives, and publishing a draft Environmental Impact Statement was approved for FY2003.

This submission requests funding to finalize the management plan and environmental impact statement in FY04. This includes the second year of required biological and administrative surveys, resources specialists, to continue public involvement process (including content analysis of public comments) and to publish the Final EIS and Record of Decision.

11. Coordination of this project with other related project(s) on adjacent lands?

☒ Yes ☐ No This project is being coordinated with the City of Jacksonville, the Motorcycle Riders Association, Boise Corporation, and individual adjacent landowners. This coordination is being pursued to effectively develop a strong management plan.

12. How does proposed project meet purposes of the Legislation? [Sec. 203(b)(1)]

☒ Improves maintenance of existing infrastructure. [Sec. 2(b)]

☒ Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems. [Sec. 2(b)]

☒ Restores and improves land health. [Sec. 2(b)]

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☒ Restores water quality. [Sec. 2(b)]

13. Project Type (check one) [Sec. 203(b)(1)]

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Road Maintenance [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)] | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Road Decommission/Obliteration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)] | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trail Obliteration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify): _____ [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)] | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soil Productivity Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(B)] | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Health Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(C)] |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watershed Restoration & Mntc. [Sec. 2(b)(2)(D)] | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)] |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)] | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Control of Noxious Weeds [Sec. 2(b)(2)(F)] |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reestablish Native Species [Sec. 2(b)(2)(G)] | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Project Type (specify) [Sec. 2(b)(2)]: _____ | |

14. Measure of Project Accomplishments/Expected Outcomes [Sec. 203(b)(5)]

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| a. Total Acres: <u>16,000</u> | b. Total Miles: _____ |
| c. No. Structures: _____ | d. Estimated People Reached (for
environmental education projects): |
| e. No. of Laborer Days: _____ | |
| f. Other (specify): _____ | |

15. Duration of Project and Estimated Completion Date [Sec. 203(b)(2)]: 2 years (Planning), estimated for completion in September of 2004.

16. Species Benefitted: (if applicable) northern spotted owl, coho, *Fritillaria gentnerii*

17. How will cooperative relationships among people that use federal lands be improved? [Sec. 2(b)(3)]

This project will foster a sound ethic of wise use of the public lands with the various groups and individuals who are OHV enthusiast. This project also fosters cooperative relationships between private land owners, users groups, local and federal governments. BLM has experienced an improved working relationship with the Motorcycle Riders Association (MRA). MRA has provided BLM with an extensive trail inventory that was mapped by MRA members using volunteer time and borrowed equipment. Through this working relationship BLM is gaining a better understanding of recreation needs and MRA is gaining a better understanding of resource and social issues that need to be addressed through the planning process. BLM is working cooperatively with Boise Corporation as well as other private timber land owners which is improving the efficiency of the planning process. Jackson County is participating in the planning process as a Cooperating Agency; the development of working relationships with various county officials is proving to be valuable to this planning effort.

18. How is this project in the best public interest? [Sec. 203(b)(7)] **Identify benefits to communities?**

This OHV area has been used extensively for the last 40+ years by OHV enthusiasts, however, it has not been actively managed for such use. Unmanaged use has resulted in a deterioration of the biological, physical, and social resources inherent to the site. Adequate planning and management will improve the site's overall condition thus ensuring its availability to future OHV recreationists. The area serves the ever growing communities of the Rogue Valley, as the sport of OHV use continues to grow.

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Management of this area will build and strengthen partnerships between BLM, local trail user associations, Jackson County, the City of Jacksonville, Boise Corporation, the Motorcycle Riders Association, and individual adjacent property owners. Completion and subsequent implementation of a management plan will facilitate opportunities for user education in resource protection, as well as hands on experience for individuals (youth and adults) through volunteer work.

19. How does project benefit federal lands/resources?

This project will protect and restore the existing physical, biological, and social resources within the planning area by implementing a management plan. Lessons learned from this planning effort will benefit and improve future projects geared towards addressing the management of OHV use.

20. Status of Project Planning

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| a. NEPA Complete: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (In Progress) |
| b. If No, give est. date of completion: <u>FY 04</u> | | |
| c. NMFS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete: | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. USFWS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete: | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Survey & Manage Complete: | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. DSL/ODFW* Permits Obtained: | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g. DLS/COE* 404 Fill/Removal Permit Obtained: | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h. SHPO* Concurrence Received: | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/> |
| i. Project Design(s) Completed: | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | |

* DSL = Dept. of State Lands, ODFW = Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, COE = Army Corps of Engineers, SHPO = State Historic Preservation Officer

21. Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contract | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal Workforce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Workforce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Volunteers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ | |

22. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Materials? (Sec. 204(e)(3))

- ☐ Yes ☒ No

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23. Anticipated Project Costs [Sec. 203(b)(3)]

- a. Total County Title II Funds Requested: \$230,890
- b. Is this a multi-year funding request? Yes ☒ No If yes, then display by fiscal year
- e. FY04 Request: \$ 230,890 *(Second year of a two-year project)*
- f. FY05 Request: \$ _____
- g. FY06 Request: _____

Item	Fed. Agency Appropriated Contribution [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Requested County Title II Contribution [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Other Contributions [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Total Available Funds
24. Field Work & Site Surveys	\$5,000		\$10,000	\$15,000
25. NEPA & Sec.7 ESA Consultation (some contract labor, some temporary hire)	\$100,000	\$46,900		\$146,900
26. Permit Acquisition				
27. Project Design & Engineering (some contract labor)				
28. Contract Preparation	\$1,000			\$1,000
29. Contract Administration	\$1,000			\$1,000
30. Contract Cost (biological & admin surveys)		\$107,000		\$107,000
31. Workforce Cost (student hire - clerical assistance)		\$1,500		\$1,500
32. Materials & Supplies (public tours & meetings, misc.)		\$19,500		\$19,500
33. Monitoring				
34. Other (publish final & ROD, vehicles)		\$35,000		\$35,000
35. Project Subtotal		\$209,900	\$10,000	\$326,900
36. Indirect Costs (Overhead) (per year for multiple year projects)		\$20,990		\$20,990
37. Total Cost Estimate	\$107,500	\$230,890		\$347,890

38. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding in Column C. Above [Sec. 203(b)(4)]

Volunteer inventory work by trail user groups.

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39. Monitoring Plan (Sec.203(b)(6))

- a. What measures or evaluations will be made to determine how well the proposed project meets the desired ecological conditions? [Sec. 203(b)(6)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?**

The area's present condition is currently being inventoried and evaluated to provide a basis for analysis of various management alternatives to be documented in the draft Environmental Impact Statement. The environmental analysis will provide a basis for future ecological conditions, prescribe a long-term monitoring plan to evaluate the implementation and effectiveness of management methods, and describe a process for modifying methods to meet management goals. This project will form baseline data for future monitoring.

- b. How will the project be evaluated to determine how well the proposed project contributes towards local employment and/or training opportunities, including summer youth jobs programs such as the Youth Conservation Corps? [Sec. 203(b)(6)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?**

The following services were **contracted** (mainly with local vendors) with the first year of funding:

- Information flyer to initiate scoping
- Meeting design and moderation for two public scoping meetings
- Hydrology specialist (for surveys)
- Wildlife specialists (for surveys)
- Botany surveys

Additionally:

- One SOU student is a summer hire to assist with wildlife surveys and literature searches;
- One Medford Senior High school student is employed part time after school and during school vacations to assist with managing outgoing mailings and comments received.
- A contract is being developed for a sociologist/economist to complete the social economic section of the draft EIS.

BLM will prepare a more detailed report at the end of the first phase and at the end of the second phase detailing the expenditures and days of employment created for contractors, students, and youth groups.

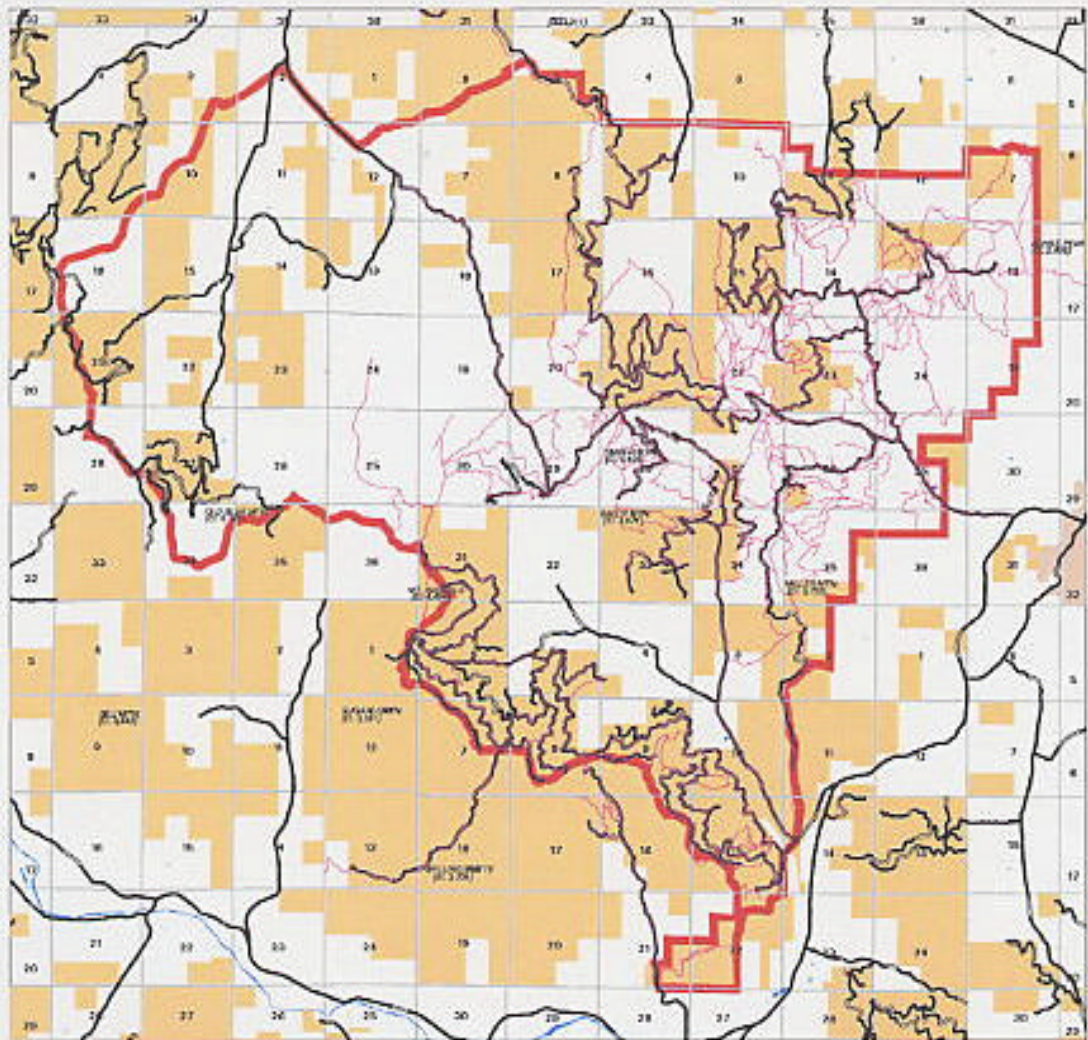
- c. What methods and measures of evaluation will be established to determine how well the proposed project improves the use of, or added value to, any products removed from National Forest System lands consistent with the purposes of this Act? [Sec. 203(b)(6) and Sec. 204(e)(3)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?**

With this planning process a monitoring strategy will be developed that will involve querying OHV users and the major stakeholders to determine how well this project improves the value and experience of recreation use in this area.

- d. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Table 1, Item 33)**
Amount: \$2,500.00.

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JOHNS PEAK/TBR MT OHV 13,865 acres



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— TOWN
— BLM LANDS
— OHV BOUNDARY 34,845 acres
— ROAD

— GPS TRAILS